

diseases-- as applicable within the context of each of the particular sentences in which the term "AD" was used.

The claims include the term --autoimmune inhibitor--. Support for this term is found in the specification on page 14, lines 13-23 as well at pages 5, 7, 13 and generally throughout the specification..

The claims a receptor in the group of recited autoimmune inhibitors. Support for the inclusion of receptors as autoimmune inhibitors is found in the specification specifically on page 11, line 9, on page 14, lines 19-21 and generally throughout out the specification.

The claims recite the treatment of Acquired Immunodeficiency Disease. Support for this recitation is found in the specification on page 17 and elsewhere in the specification.

Since support for each of the amendments made herein is found in the specification, no new matter has been added to the application.

Applicants respectfully request favorable examination of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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